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Production in Plants

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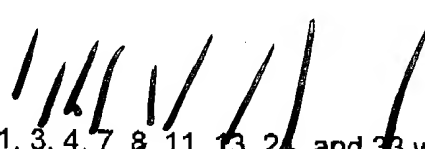
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of November 21, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:


Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 21, and 33 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 5, 23, 32 and 45 as follows:

p1 5. An expression cassette comprising a nucleotide sequence of claim 77,
wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked to a promoter that drives
expression in a plant.

22 23. A recombinant plant cell having stably incorporated into its genome at least
one nucleotide sequence of claim 77; wherein said nucleotide sequence is
operably linked to a promoter that drives expression in a plant.